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District Administrative Organization

1. According to the Yugoslav Constitution and other laws relative to the administration of Yugoslavia, the basic administrative authority in each village is the People's Community Council. Each village council consists of several members according to the population of the community. In the towns or cities, the basic administrative authority is the People's Town Council.
2. The members of these councils are chosen through general elections by the residents of their respective communities. Residents of the various communities have the right to protest any decision of their respective councils and to appeal against any of their decisions to the People's District Council.
3. The People's District Council has several elected members who are divided into various commissions, namely, commission for trade, commission for education, commission for welfare, commission for construction, et cetera. However, the affairs of the District Council are actually managed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Council.
4. The Department of Internal Affairs (formerly known as the Department of Administrative Affairs), is in charge of the police services in each district. The District Office of the Administration for State Security, UDB, is in charge of security.
5. The administrative organization described above is largely theoretical. In practice, the control over all administrative, economic, cultural and other matters in a district is concentrated in the person of the Political Secre-

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tary of the District Committee of the Federation of Communists of Yugoslavia (FCY). His authority is not visible and he does not have any defined function in the administration; however, owing to his position, he has the responsibility of coordinating the work and giving instructions to the men in charge of administrative and other matters in his district, since as members of the FCY, they are under the control of the Political Secretary.

6. As a rule, the Political Secretaries of the FCY District Committees are very communicative, sociable, modest about their authority and very amiable toward the populace, trying to win the people by rendering them small services. Because of their authority in the district and their conduct toward the populace, it is not surprising that most of the Deputies in Parliament are former Political Secretaries of the FCY District Committees. These Political Secretaries are normally recruited from among those who served as Partisans during World War II, from prewar Communist Party members and former workers; but only young men born in Yugoslavia who have not had any higher education are selected. Later, the FCY takes care of their education and they are made to attend various courses given by the Party.

District of Azbukovacki

7. The District of Azbukovacki, Western Serbia, composed of ten communities, has a population of about 30,000. The District seat is Ljubovije, a small town of some 800 residents. Prior to World War II, this district did not have any Communist Party members, but at the end of 1953, there were approximately 760 Communist Party members.
8. At the end of 1953, the following individuals occupied administrative posts in the District of Azbukovacki:

a. Dusan Djurdjice

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b. Zikica Ajkovićevic

c. Zivorad Ranovic

d. Lazar Ponjavic

e. Uros Karađica

f. First Lieutenant Zika Janusevic

g. First Lieutenant Nikola Bozovic

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h. Miletta Polje [redacted]

i. Svetan Velikovic [redacted]

j. Braca Petrovic [redacted]

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